

Resurrection

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Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church

October 7, 2007

Prelude

Joel Hammett

Our Community Gathers

Rev. Dwayne Johnson & Mark Eggleston

+ Exchange of Peace

+ Opening Hymn

ASSURANCE

Blessed Assurance

Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! — Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-
Per-fect-sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light! — Vi-sions of rap-ture now burst at my
Per-fect sub-mis-sion all is at rest, — I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and

vine! — Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God. — Born of the Spir-it washed in the
sight! — An-gels de-scending bring from a-bove — Ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of
blest; — Watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, — Filled with such good-ness, lost deep in

blood!
love. — This is my sto-ry, this is my song, — Praising my sav-ior all the day
love.

long. — This is my sto-ry, this is my song, — Praising my Sav-ior all the day long. —

+ Invocation

Rev. Janice Ladd

+ Please rise in body or spirit.

We Gather

In this season of Pentecost, we gather to await the presence of the Holy Spirit into our midst, as we invoke her presence with our singing and our worship.

We Worship

Hymnwriter, Fanny Crosby wrote this hymn in 1873. Ms. Crosby was visiting her wealthy friend, Phoebe Knapp, who lived in a palatial residence in Brooklyn. Although Fanny lived in the slums of Manhattan and worked in rescue missions, she was a frequent guest at the Knapp Mansion. This particular day Phoebe said she had a tune she wanted to play: a new composition of her own. The blind hymnist listened, and upon hearing the tune, immediately clapped her hands and exclaimed, "Why, that says, *Blessed Assurance!*" She quickly composed the lyrics, and a great hymn was born.

We Hear the Word

Evelyn Underhill (1875-1941) was born in Wolverhaston, England. She was a mystic, controversial Anglican writer on mysticism, novelist, pacifist and metaphysical poet. Educated at King's College, Underhill was one of the most widely read writers on the spiritual life in the first fifty years of the twentieth century. Initially an agnostic, she gradually began to acquire an interest in Neoplatonism, and from there became increasingly drawn to Catholicism. She eventually became a prominent Anglo-Catholic. Her book, written in 1936, was part of her later life, in which she was more focused on the Holy Spirit in her writings and study.

The anthem this morning comes directly from Psalm 98. The contents consist largely in calling to our remembrance God's saving deeds, demonstrating both God's power to save and commitment to do so. The message is timeless: It serves as a reminder to all earthly rulers that God alone directs the affairs of the earth. It also admonishes us to sing, praise and worship just as the sea and the hills do.

Contemporary Reading

John Smith (9 am)
Jules Gauvin (11 am)

*From **The Spiritual Life***

by Evelyn Underhill

The Church is in the world to save the world. It is a tool of God for that purpose; not a comfortable religious club established in fine historical premises. Every one of its members is required, in one way or another, to co-operate with the Spirit in working for that great end: and much of this work will be done in secret, invisible ways. We are transmitters as well as receivers. Our contemplation and our action, our humble self-opening to God, keeping ourselves sensitive to God's music and light, and our generous self-opening to our fellow creatures, keeping ourselves sensitive to their needs, ought to form one life; meditating between God and the world, and bringing the saving power of the Eternal into time. We are far from realizing all that human spirits can do for one another on spiritual levels if they will pay the price; how truly and really our souls interpenetrate, and how impossible and un-Christian it is to "keep ourselves to ourselves."

Anthem

Sanctuary Choir

Break Forth into Song

By Tom Fettke

Community Prayers

Rev. Janice Ladd

+ Scripture Readings

Rev. Bernie Barbour

John 4: 23-24

Jesus said, "The hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship God in spirit and truth, for the Creator seeks such as these to be in worship. God is spirit, and those who worship the Spirit must worship in spirit and truth."

Matthew 18: 18-20

Jesus also said, "Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by God in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Colossians 3: 15-16

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Creator through Him.

+ Response

Wonderful Words of Life

Sing them o - ver a - gain to me, Won - der - ful words of Life; Let me more of their
 Sweet - ly ech - o the gos - pel call, Won - der - ful words of Life; Of - fer par - don and
 beau - ty see, Won - der - ful words of Life. Words of life and beau - ty,
 peace to all, Won - der - ful words of Life. Je - sus, on - ly Sav - ior,
 Teach me faith and du - ty; Beau - ti - ful words, won - der - ful words, Won - der - ful words of
 sanc - ti - fy for - ev - er:
 Life. Beau - ti - ful words, won - der - ful words, Won - der - ful words of Life.

Spiritual Encouragement

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

My Key to Our Abundant Life: Presence

Making Ministry Happen

Testimonial: *My Key to Our Abundant Life*

Ben Julian

Offertory

Rose Wall & Anthony White

+ Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here be - low: Al - le -
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up -
 lifts! Praise the spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Communion

Rev. Bernie Barbour

Introduction

Consecration of the Elements

Prayer of Consecration

The Prayer that Jesus Taught

Invitation to the Feast

We Respond

The author of this hymn, Philip Bliss, (1838-1876), had a gift for words. The writer of hundreds of hymns and poems, he grew up mostly in Pennsylvania. He became a regular participant in Methodist camp meetings and revival services because of the strong faith his parents had instilled in him. He met D.L. Moody during a revival in Chicago, and was invited by Moody to become his music director. Bliss turned the offer down. In the years that followed, Bliss would combine with Ira Sankey to prepare many hymns and hymn collections. A month before his untimely death at the age of 38, Bliss was approached by Horatio Spafford, the writer of *It Is Well With My Soul*. At Spafford's request, Bliss composed the tune for that famous hymn.

We Receive

All Congregations in MCC practice an open communion. We believe that communion is a visible sign of Christ's presence and God's grace that each one of us, visitor, friend or member, may receive.

Communion Songs

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of his glory and grace.

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Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because God's given Jesus Christ, the son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because God's given Jesus Christ, the son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
Let the poor say, "I am rich because of what
The Lord has done for us."

And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
Let the poor say, "I am rich because of what
The Lord has done for us."

Give thanks.

Words & Music by Henry Smith
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You Are My Hiding Place

You are my hiding place,
You always fill my heart with songs
Of deliverance, whenever I am afraid,
I will trust in you, I will trust in you,
Let the weak say, "I am strong in the strength of the Lord,
I will trust in you."

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Holy Ground

We are standing on holy ground,
And I know that there are angels all around.
Let us praise Jesus now,
We are standing in God's presence on holy ground.
+ We are standing on holy ground,
And I know that there are angels all around.
Let us praise Jesus now,
We are standing in God's presence on holy ground.

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We Give Thanks

We stand at the end of the communion service as part of our thanksgiving for the service of communion and the representation of the body and blood of Christ as the sacrifice made for us. For now we offer the sacrifice.

+ **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Rev. Bernie Barbour

+ **Benediction**

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

Postlude

The Worship of God Each Day

Opening Prayer

God, you know what these next moments with you hold. Open me. Help me to put aside distractions and be present to you...and the many ways you want to guide me into increased maturity.

~ Rev. Dwayne Johnson

Daily Scripture Readings

- Sun - Matthew 18: 20
- Mon - John 4: 23-24
- Tue - Colossians 3: 15-16
- Wed - 1 Timothy 3: 14-15
- Thu - Romans 12: 18
- Fri - Hebrews 10: 19-25
- Sat - * Matthew 6: 9-14

*Preparation for Sunday,
October 14.

Sacred Reading (page 5 & 6)

See opening essay, quotes, or other sources.

Spiritual Maturity & Application (page 6)

See questions and reflection journal exercises.

Closing Prayer

God, I now seek to make your presence known by being led to people and places that need love. Those who are angry need the presence of someone who is peaceful. Those who feel unheard need the presence of someone who will listen. Those who are lonely need the presence of someone who cares. Those who are grieving need the presence of someone who will simply be there. And when the worshipping community gathers, my presence is needed for the worship to be full and abundant God, help me to be that kind of person - one who is committed to being present.

~ Rev. Dwayne Johnson

Grow Up

Spiritual Maturity, Transformation & Application

Opening Essay

My Key to Our Abundant Life: Presence

On Monday, Rev. Janice and I did not have a real conversation. Between staff meeting, pastoral consults, emails, phone calls and preparing for Monday night's Stewardship Team meeting, we barely had time to say hello. Nevertheless, it was a productive and fruitful day of ministry.

Then came Tuesday. We were passing each other in the Sanctuary when Rev. Janice stopped me and asked, "Dwayne, did you read yesterday's *God Calling*?" *God Calling* is a daily devotional that many of us read and often talk about. Yes, I had read the entry for Monday. And like Rev. Janice, I felt it offered a special message for Resurrection MCC:

"Remember that I fed the Children of Israel with Heaven-sent manna. I made a way through the Red Sea for them. I led them through the wilderness of privation, difficulty, discipline. I led them into a land flowing with milk and honey. So trust. So be led. Rejoice...surely and safely, you are being led to your Canaan of Plenty."

~God Calling, October 1

I invite us to claim that promise of plenty. I believe that God is leading us to a time of renewed growth and abundance in ministering to our community. I believe that God's desire is to release abundant ministry through Resurrection MCC to a world that needs our message of transformation.

How will this happen?

First, we are called to acknowledge that God is our supply. God is our energy, our wisdom, and our motivation to make and keep commitments.

Second, each one of us has a decisive role in becoming channels to release God's abundance through us to our world. Individual commitments to presence, prayer, service and gifts will create the key to open the way for God's abundance.

During the month of October we will experience how individual commitments, when joined together, are the key to community abundance.

This week, the scriptures, readings and applications call us to renew our commitment to be present. As part of this commitment to presence, I invite each of us to evaluate our faithfulness to weekly worship. When the full community gathers at 9:00 am and 11:00 am on Sundays we become present to each other, to God, and to the release of God's abundance through us.

~ Rev. Dwayne Johnson

Message Notes

Sacred Reading

More and more people are alone. Is it not essential, then, to encourage the creation and growth of places of belonging? If these intermediaries between people and society, these schools of the heart, do not exist, people will find it more and more difficult to achieve maturity.

~ Jean Vanier, *Our Journey Home*



Community as discipline is the effort to create a free and empty space among people where together we can practice a true obedience...To create space for God among us requires the constant recognition of the Spirit of God in each other.

~ Henri Nouwen, *Making All Things New*



One of the most popular "reasons" why people don't go to church is the claim, "My religion is private, my faith is a very personal thing." In effect what this response says is that "I don't need other people in order to have a relationship with God."

This is a profound half-truth. Yes, it is important to have a personal relationship with the divine. And yes, it is true that were we abandoned by all the rest of humanity, God would still be with us.

Yet it is wrong to think we can embody the Christian faith in just one body. One reason for cultivating a personal faith relationship is to be able to incarnate it among and before others.

~ Leonard Sweet, *Why We Go to Church*, Homiletics, 6/27/1993

Spiritual Maturity & Application

What is appealing or unappealing to you about being an independent operator? How do you respond to the words:

dependent
independent
interdependent

How does your response affect your experience of church? Journal these questions or discuss with spiritual friends.

~ Adele Ahlberg Calhoun, *Spiritual Disciplines Handbook*, 131, adapted.



Romans 12: 18 teaches that part of the discipline of being "present" to each other is the discipline of living peaceably with each other. Disharmony creates distance. Reflect on Romans 12: 18. Ask God to reveal to your heart any "gaps" between you and someone else. Seek God's direction on how you may bridge the gap and become more present to that person through prayer, conversation, or other ways of reaching out that will be revealed to you.



If everyone shared your same level of commitment, would Resurrection MCC be stronger or weaker?



During the month of October, I'm calling on the entire Resurrection MCC community to pray at some point between Noon and 1:00 pm each day. This week, pray that the members and friends of Resurrection MCC will increase in their faithfulness to the spiritual practice of "presence" through consistent attendance at worship.

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Worship

Sunday, 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Wednesday, 7:00 pm

Children & Youth Worship

Sunday, 11:00 am

Nursery

Sunday, 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Resurrection

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Welcome!

If you are visiting Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church for the first time, we are glad to have you here! We invite you to join us each week as we worship God and learn more about Christian living in an inclusive way. All are welcome.

Please stop by the **Concierge Desk**

located next to **Inspirations**, our coffee café and gift shop, to receive a welcome gift. You will find friendly volunteer hosts waiting to greet you.

Worship Services

Resurrection MCC is proud to offer a variety in our worship services. Our two services are identical in form, however they contain different elements from diverse religious traditions each week.

In addition to our 9:00 & 11:00 am Sunday worship services, we also offer a Spiritual Uplift service on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm. The Spiritual Uplift service is more contemplative and includes a devotional, a short message or a biblical review. There is also a time of communion and a service of prayer.

About Us...

Resurrection MCC is a Christian church with a primary outreach to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer community. We are a part of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, founded by Rev. Troy D. Perry in Los Angeles, California on October 6, 1968. Metropolitan Community Churches are on a bold mission to transform hearts, lives, and history. We are a movement that faithfully proclaims God's inclusive love for all people, and proudly bears witness to the holy integration of spirituality and sexuality.

The **Mission** of Resurrection MCC is to demonstrate God's unconditional love to all people through Christian action.

The **Vision** of Resurrection MCC is to **ATTRACT** people into a relationship with God through radical **INCLUSION** into God's family, transform them to Christ-like **MATURITY**, and **MOBILIZE** them for their life purpose.

At Resurrection MCC, every member and friend is a minister of the church. We envision a Christian community that values diversity and is as diverse and all-encompassing as creation. Through salvation, service, study, and tithing, each member and friend will live and grow in faith and be spiritually fed. To that end, we embrace five core beliefs:

We believe in God's unconditional love for everyone.

We believe in the saving grace of Jesus Christ and the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit.

We believe in including everyone and excluding no one.

We believe in joyfully providing access to Christ-centered spiritual nourishment and Biblical truths.

We believe that each of us will discover our spirituality through active participation in the work of God and in the pursuit of health, wholeness, and justice for everyone.

Again, welcome!



Creating a Life that Matters...Creates a Church that Matters!



O.W.L.S. Gathering

Outreach, Wisdom, Laughter, Support: A Seniors' Ministry

Tuesday, October 16, 11:30 am

Meet at Resurrection.

Carpool to Edward's Greenway Palace 24.

Have Lunch at Harlow's!

RSVP to OWLS@ResurrectionMCC.org

Lunches held the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each Month



Monthly Meeting

TODAY at 2 pm

October's Topic:

Should You Come Out?

PFLAG isn't just for Parents, Families & Friends of LGBT individuals. About half the attendees at each meeting are LGBT individuals themselves! After the keynote or panel each month, small support groups are held.

St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 5501 S. Main St. @ Binz
www.PFLAGHouston.org

Now Accepting Applications

Volunteer Receptionist

Shifts Available: 9 am - Noon & 1 pm - 5 pm

Responsibilities include answering phones & light data entry.

Apply at the Concierge Desk,
or contact Jason Wood at 832-971-0354.

**THIS Saturday,
October 13,
6:30 pm**



Activities Building

\$8 per session / \$2 per coverall game

Food, Fun, Fabulous Prizes!

Proceeds benefit Children & Youth, General Fund

A.A. Recovery Group

**Every Tuesday, 7 pm - 8 pm
Wellness Center**

This is an open meeting of
Alcoholics Anonymous.

For more information, please call
Jason Wood, Director of Connections, at 832-971-0354.



New Members' Class

THIS Tuesday, October 9

6 - 9 pm

Gathering Place

Rev. Janice Ladd guides the participant to learn the mission, vision, and values of Resurrection MCC, to discover our connection to the world through our affiliation with the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, and to join this family in purpose, service, and fellowship.

To register, contact Jason Wood,
JWood@ResurrectionMCC.org
or 713-861-9149x105.

Download Spiritual Gifts Assessment
from www.ResurrectionMCC.org

IN HONOR OF

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

and the



Is Proud to Present for You

Sing for the Cure®

A Benefit Concert of Hope

Tuesday, October 23, 2007 7:30 pm, Jones Hall

Come join us as we share, through music, eight women's experiences with breast cancer, and help to raise funds for a cure. Combining chorus, soloists, orchestra, and powerful narration, Sing for the Cure® will send your spirit soaring and your heart singing stories of hope and healing.

2007 is Komen for the Cure's 25th Anniversary. 20% of ticket sales will be donated to the Houston Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure. To purchase tickets, or for more information, call the BCPA office at 713-521-7464, or visit www.BayouCityPerformingArts.org

Together...

we can make
something
beautiful.

YARNWEH

Sunday, October 14th

12:30 - 2:30 pm

In the Gathering Place

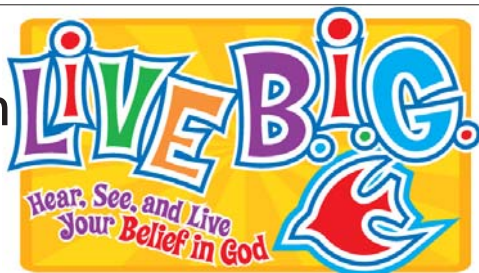
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You, You, You!



For more info call
Charles Clark II
832-372-1280
or email
Yarnweh@ResurrectionMCC.org

Christian Education for ALL Ages!



Nursery (0 - 2 years)

Located in the front hallway outside Sanctuary.
Provided for all ages, during every service.

Sprouts Children's Worship (3 - 5 years)

Children leave during 11 am service, return for communion.
Activities Building Room #107

Faith Beginnings Children's Worship (6 - 12 years)

Children leave during 11 am service, return for communion.
Activities Building Room #108

Youth (13 - 18 years)

youthLife! Today, 12:30 pm
Activities Building

Adults (18+ years)

Creating a Life That Matters (see ad, left)

For more information, please contact
Jason Wood, 832-971-0354 or
JWood@ResurrectionMCC.org

Holy Union Preparation Seminar

Sunday, October 28
1 - 5 pm
Lunch Provided
Activities Bldg #108



Are you and your partner thinking about having a Holy Union? This seminar is the recommended first step to having a Holy Union performed by Resurrection clergy.

It is designed to help couples discuss relationship matters, while keeping Christ in the center of their relationship.

You can learn more about having a Holy Union at Resurrection, and download the full information packet from our Web site, www.ResurrectionMCC.org.

Please RSVP via email to JWood@ResurrectionMCC.org or call 713-861-9149 x105.

CREATING A LIFE THAT MATTERS



MCC's Transformational Spiritual Development Curriculum

Creating a Life that Matters is a three-course curriculum which explores ways to rediscover relationship with the Sacred, with my Self, and with my Passion. These three courses correspond to the spiritual experiences of being changed, gifted and called. Graduates of Creating a Life that Matters will have been challenged to broaden their understanding of all that is Sacred; integrate their self-awareness into being authentic, aware leaders; and live their passion intentionally through the life and work of the church.

Creating a Life that Matters integrates art, scripture, music, film, journaling, and diverse spiritual resources to augment our exploration of the Christian path.



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Register Today!

Class size is limited to 25.

Cost is \$100 and covers curriculum, workbook, meals, and other materials. We ask that you make a commitment to attend all 18 classes. Classes held Wednesdays from 6:30 - 8:45 pm. The first 25 individuals to submit this form, with payment, to *Inspirations Coffee Cafe & Gift Shop* will be secured a spot in the class.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Session I: The Sacred

October 31, 2007 to December 12, 2007

Session II: My Self

January 9, 2008 to February 20, 2008

Session III: My Passion

March 26, 2008 to May 7, 2008

For more information, please pick up a brochure located in the Welcome Area and at the Concierge Desk, or contact **Rev. Janice Ladd at 713-861-9149 x104** or by email at RevJL@ResurrectionMCC.org



Did we buy a new organ?

The answer is: NO! Many of you will notice that we have a new organ console sitting on the chancel. That organ is a Wicks Royal Classic Organ. It is a new design from the Wicks Pipe Organ Co. of Highland, IL. Because of a long-standing relationship between me and that family-owned business, they have agreed to place this brand new digitally sampled organ in

our sanctuary as a demonstration instrument to people in the South Texas Region who might be interested in purchasing one. The Wicks Organ Co. will be sending people to our worship space to hear the organ and have me or Joel demonstrate its capabilities to them. In return, we get to use the instrument free of charge. If the organ should be sold, they will bring us another instrument of equal or greater capacity!

This particular organ has a larger console and more speakers and amplifiers, but does have a few less stops than our other instrument. However, this instrument is digitally sampled note by note and stop by stop from the vintage organ at the Basilica in St. Louis, Mo. You will notice a fuller sound coming from this instrument and the different colors of the organ will amaze all listeners. Feel free to come by and take a look at the beautiful console as well.

For more information on the Wicks Pipe Organ Co., visit www.wicksorgan.com. For more information on the organ at the Basilica in St. Louis, visit www.cathedralstl.org.

Blessing to you all,
Steven Couch
Director of Worship

Everyone is Invited...

Holy Union Ceremony & Karaoke Reception for Jason Wood & Rico Sangel



Saturday, October 27

Ceremony: Sanctuary, 7 pm
Reception: Gathering Place, 8 pm

Resurrection *Inspirations* Coffee Café & Gift Shop



Pick up your
FREE COPY of
The Advocate
40th Anniversary Issue!

Volunteers are needed to assist this ministry.
Please contact Travis Ochoa at
Inspirations@ResurrectionMCC.org



Single? Check Us Out!

To join our new singles group, and learn about our upcoming outings, email Brandon at Singles@ResurrectionMCC.org

Congratulations, Resurrection!



Voted...

"Best Place to Worship"



Check out the October issue of OutSmart for a list of all the 2007 award winners, and join us as we receive our certificate at South Beach on Wednesday, October 17, from 5:30 - 8:30 pm!

**Fall Semi-Annual Congregational Forum
TODAY, 12:30 pm**

**Fall Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday, October 21, 12:30 pm**

Agenda highlights include electing
Lay Delegates and approving our 2008 budget.

TODAY!

Sunday, October 7, 2007

*decadent
dessert
and more*

4 - 8 p.m.



810 Pacific Street

* 8 p.m. on, stay and continue partying
No additional cover charge

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Tickets Available in Gathering Place TODAY!



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youthLife
TODAY!
12:30 pm
Activities Building

This new youth group will get together for lunch, games, and spiritual inspiration.

Now Training Volunteers!
 JWood@ResurrectionMCC.org



What can you do for our church?

October is Stewardship month, and while we are making commitments to serve, please consider assisting with the safety and security of our worship space.

Teams are forming so that we can have in-house security for our community of faith. If you are interested in this ministry please contact Karen Cruse at Security@ResurrectionMCC.org.

Parents Group!

Parents, Parents-To-Be, or those interested in becoming parents, are invited to join us!

If you'd like to receive information about future events for Parents, email Parents@ResurrectionMCC.org



Board Members on Duty
 Georgette L. Monaghan & Terry Talley

Food Pantry Monthly Food Drive

3rd Sunday of each month

Sunday, October 21

Welcome Area

**Forgot your donation?
 Cash is always welcome.**



Needed: Canned Meats, Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruit, Canned Juice, Canned Soup, Pasta, Bagged Rice, Dry Beans

Gospel Ensemble Concert

**NEXT Sunday, October 14
 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary**

Directed by Cassandra White, the Resurrection MCC Gospel Ensemble will present a concert, with the offering benefitting our General Fund.

Our Gospel Ensemble was recently featured at the General Conference of UFMCC in Scottsdale, Arizona, to very high acclaim. The concert will feature some of the 'greatest hits' of our Gospel Ensemble, as well as some new selections not yet heard!

Mark your calendars now to be a part of this worship experience... and bring a friend! Or two!

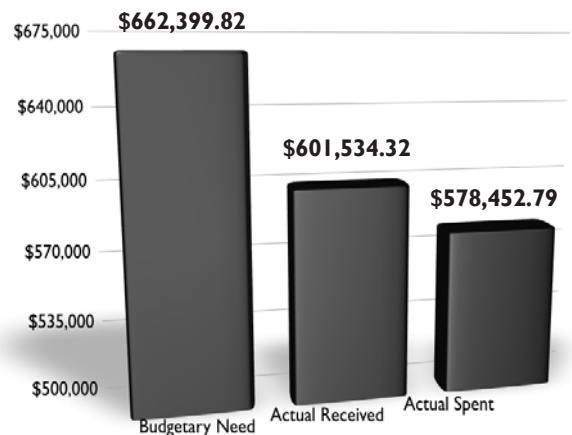
Flowers for the Sanctuary
 Celebrating Flo's safe return from Greece.

-Kimberly

General Fund Financial Report

Week Ending September 30, 2007

Tithes & Offerings	Week	Year to Date
09/26/07 Mid-Week	5 \$18.00	\$11,442.21
09/30/07 9:00 am	142 \$4,368.00	\$170,568.92
09/30/07 11:00 am	272 \$5,865.70	\$218,853.59
Special Services		\$1,388.06
Gift of Love Campaign	\$50.00	\$14,340.30
Other Contributions	\$2,163.32	\$103,677.21
Total	419 \$12,465.82	\$520,270.29
Other General Fund Income		
Fundraising	\$25.00	\$24,977.15
Miscellaneous	*\$31,564.81	\$56,286.88
Total Received	\$44,055.63	\$601,534.32
Budgetary Need	\$22,424.62	\$662,399.82
Total Surplus / (Deficit)	\$21,631.01	(\$60,865.50)



* Miscellaneous income includes forgiveness of our MCC tithe assessment of \$31,504.81. Due to the upcoming expenses related to the storm damage incurred on June 14, 2007, MCC has agreed to forgive our tithe assessment for April, May, June and July of 2007. MCC continues to partner with Resurrection to make ministry happen in our community!

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DAILY: Pray from Noon - 1:00 pm

SUNDAY **OCTOBER 7**

- 9:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson**
10:15 am Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry *Chapel*
11:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson
11:15 am Children & Youth Worship Service *Activities Building*
12:30 pm Semi-Annual Congregational Forum *Sanctuary*
12:30 pm youthLife! *Activities Building*
1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Sanctuary*

MONDAY **OCTOBER 8**

- 6:30 pm JustUs Rehearsal *Chapel*

TUESDAY **OCTOBER 9**

- 6:00 pm New Members' Class *Gathering Place*
7:00 pm Excellerators *Activities Building #108*
7:00 pm Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal *Chapel*
7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (Open) *Wellness Center*

WEDNESDAY **OCTOBER 10**

- 7:00 pm Mid-Week Worship** *Chapel*
7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal *Sanctuary*
7:00 pm Praise Dancers Rehearsal *Gathering Place*

THURSDAY **OCTOBER 11**

- 8:00 am NCS Orientation *Gathering Place*
7:00 pm Resurrection Singers Rehearsal *Chapel*

FRIDAY **OCTOBER 12**

No Events Scheduled.

SATURDAY **OCTOBER 13**

- 3:00 pm Holy Union *Sanctuary*
6:30 pm Bingo *Activities Building*
7:00 pm Holy Union & Reception *Chapel & Gathering Place*

SUNDAY **OCTOBER 14**

- 9:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson**
10:15 am Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry *Chapel*
11:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson
11:15 am Children & Youth Worship Service *Activities Building*
12:30 pm youthLife! *Activities Building*
1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Sanctuary*
4:00 pm Gospel Ensemble Concert *Sanctuary*